



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF EAST MISSISSIPPI**

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners:

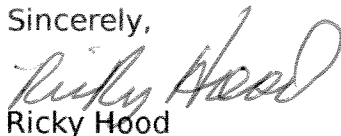
In 2009, there were 286 million mobile subscribers in the United States; roughly 93% of the population. And in the past year cell phone owners who can reach the Internet through their phones has risen 13%. That's a huge number considering the millions of people who subscribe to mobile phone services.

AT&T has been a reliable provider of mobile phone services for many years. They are looking to continue to improve their mobile broadband service and extend it to millions more through a merger with T-Mobile. I am writing you this letter because your organization is a part of the approval process. I urge you to approve this merger and help the millions of Americans who use mobile broadband service to benefit their everyday lives.

Through my work with the Boys and Girls Club of East Mississippi, I have seen the new and changing ways that the younger generations use mobile broadband tools. My organization serves as a catalyst for youth development in Lauderdale County and is open to the use of new technology to engage and interest our children. Education in particular is moving away from the pen and paper and towards more technologically savvy tools. We are open to using whatever means possible to open up their lives to education and career development, character and leadership development, health and life skills, and the arts. As a way to keep up with the times; we need the latest mobile broadband service in our area to help do our work with children.

While we are open to using new technology, we are not always privy to the best quality service due to the more rural location we are in. It is imperative that we find a way to get access to the highest quality mobile broadband service in our area. Companies like AT&T have found a way to extend their mobile broadband coverage to over 97% of the country through the merger with T-Mobile. Please approve this merger, and help extend mobile broadband coverage to our area of Mississippi, and help enable us to further enrich the lives of our area's young boys and girls.

Sincerely,



Ricky Hood
Executive Director



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